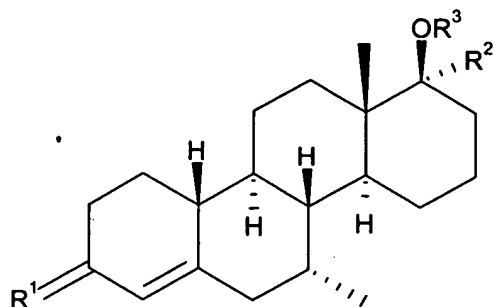


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(original) A compound of formula I,



formula I

wherein,

R¹ is O, or NOR, with R being hydrogen, (C₁₋₆) alkyl or (C₁₋₆) acyl,

R² is methyl or ethyl, and

R³ is hydrogen or (C₁₋₁₅) acyl.

Claim 2 (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein R¹ is O.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterised in that] wherein R¹ is O and R³ is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (original) The compound (7 α ,17 α)17 α -hydroxy-7,17 α -dimethyl-D-homoestr-4-en-3-one.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to [any one of claims 1-4] claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) A kit for male contraception comprising means for the administration of a progestagen and means for the administration of an androgen,

[characterised in that] wherein one of the means is a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6.

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (new) The compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ is O and R³ is hydrogen.

Claim 11 (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 12 (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 13 (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 14 (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 15 (new) A method of contraception, comprising administering to a male patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

Claim 16 (new) A method of treating androgen insufficiency, comprising administering to a male patient suffering from androgen insufficiency an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.